

opened during the year was 114. The totals of schools closed and of schools opened during the year are as follows :—

INCREASES AND DECREASES IN NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District.	Number of Schools closed.	Number of Schools opened.	Increase in Number of Schools.	Decrease in Number of Schools.
Auckland	25	45	20	..
Taranaki	2	5	3	..
Wanganui	6	6
Wellington	4	6	2	..
Hawke's Bay	11	10	..	1
Marlborough	9	15	6	..
Nelson	6	8	2	..
Grey	2	1	..	1
Westland	1	2	1	..
North Canterbury	2	1	..	1
South Canterbury	2	3	1	..
Otago	4	7	3	..
Southland	2	5	3	..
	76	114		
		76		
Increase (1910)	38		

The net increase in the number of schools open at the end of the year is thus 38.

The total number of public schools in each grade is shown in Table A, the corresponding figures for the previous year being entered for purposes of comparison.

TABLE A.—NUMBER OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN EACH GRADE, 1909 AND 1910.

Grade (as in Education Amendment Act, 1908).	Number of Schools.		Grade (as in Education Amendment Act, 1908).	Number of Schools.	
	1909.	1910.		1909.	1910.
0. (1-8)	182	155	9A. (451-500)	8	8
1. (9-15)	387	372	9. 9B (501-550)	8	12
2. (16-25)	438	469	9C (551-600)	5	5
3. (26-35)	259	284	10A. (601-650)	9	9
4. (36-80)	434	443	10B (651-700)	6	8
5. (81-120)	118	126	10C (701-750)	3	2
6. 6A. (121-160)	55	51	10D (751-800)	2	2
6. 6B (161-200)	34	37	10. 10E (801-850)	4	4
7. 7A. (201-250)	31	35	10F (851-900)	2	2
7. 7B (251-300)	23	24	10G (901-950)
8. 8A (301-350)	21	20	10H (951-1,000)	2	1
8. 8B (351-400)	14	15			
8. 8C (401-450)	12	12	Totals	2,057	2,096

The number of schools in each grade in the several education districts is given in Table A1.

Roll Number.

The average weekly roll number for 1910 showed for each quarter an increase over that for the corresponding quarter of 1909. The mean of the average weekly roll for the four quarters was as follows :—

Mean of average weekly roll, 1909	151,142
„ 1910	154,756
Increase in 1910	3,614

As in previous years, the additions to the roll were most marked in the North Island, where settlement has been more rapid than in the South ; but every district showed at least some increase. The increase was most evident in the last quarter of the year.

Number on roll at end of 1909	152,416
„ 1910	156,324
Increase in 1910	3,908

Table B shows the mean average roll number for every fifth year from 1878 to 1898, and for each of the last eleven years ; the table gives also the total average